

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Committee ordered favorably reported H. Con. Res. 40, encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families.

LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, four years later, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Floyd Azure, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; Terry Tatsey, Blackfeet Nation, Browning, Montana; Turk Cobell, Cobell Board of Trustees, Lubbock, Texas; and Melvin E. Monette-Barajas, Indigenous Education, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

AT&T-TIME WARNER TRANSACTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the competitive impact of the AT&T-Time Warner transaction, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., and Mark Cuban, both of Dallas, Texas; Jeff Bewkes, Time Warner Inc., New York, New York; Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Washington, D.C.; and Daphna E. Ziman, Cinemai, Los Angeles, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 6447–6475; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 180–182; and H. Res. 948, 950, were introduced. **Pages H7396–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7398–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3764, to provide that an Indian group may receive Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe only by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–847);

Final Report of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (H. Rept. 114–848); and

H. Res. 949, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 612) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 114–849). **Page H7396**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Neugebauer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7273**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7285**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act: H.R. 329, amended, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources; **Pages H7292–97**

Revising the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in New Jersey: H.R. 6400, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in New Jersey; **Pages H7297–98**

Chicano Park Preservation Act: H.R. 3711, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Chicano Park, located in San Diego, California;

Authorizing the Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with appropriate civilian accreditation entities or appropriate health care evaluation entities to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R.

6435, to authorize the Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with appropriate civilian accreditation entities or appropriate health care evaluation entities to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016: H.R. 5099, amended, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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To Research, Evaluate, Assess, and Treat Astronauts Act: H.R. 6076, amended, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program for the medical monitoring, diagnosis, and treatment of astronauts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 614;

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National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016: S. 2971, amended, to authorize the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 615;

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2016: H.R. 5790, amended, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 616;

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Vietnam Helicopter Crew Memorial Act: H.R. 4298, to direct the Secretary of the Army to place in Arlington National Cemetery a memorial honoring the helicopter pilots and crew members of the Vietnam era;

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Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016: H.R. 6130, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis;

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Promoting Travel, Commerce, and National Security Act of 2016: H.R. 6431, to ensure United States jurisdiction over offenses committed by United States personnel stationed in Canada in furtherance of border security initiatives; and

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Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016: S. 2854, amended, to reauthorize the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007.

Pages H7343–46

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 6th:

Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2016: H.R. 1219, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 611; and

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Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness Act: S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 8 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 612.

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Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 5143, to provide greater transparency and congressional oversight of international insurance standards setting processes, by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 613.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–68 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

DeSantis amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–846) that adds an additional requirement that the international agreement must be written in plain writing, as defined by the Plain Writing Act of 2010.

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H. Res. 944, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5143) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 610, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 609.

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Better Online Ticket Sales Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event.

Pages H7326–27

Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a certain correction in the enrollment of S. 1635: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 181, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a certain correction in the enrollment of S. 1635.

Pages H7327–28

Requiring a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram. **Page H7328**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 8. **Page H7328**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize four lease prospectuses and two construction projects, included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on December 7, 2016. **Pages H7346–85**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2016: H.R. 4919, amended, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism. **Pages H7333–40**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7292, H7312.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7299–H7300, H7300–01, H7301, H7301–02, H7324, H7324–25, H7325–26, and H7326. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS: RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "1890 Land-Grant Institutions: Recruitment Challenges and Scholarship Opportunities". Testimony was heard from Representatives David Scott of Georgia; Cleaver; and Cramer; and public witnesses.

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD BONUS REPAYMENT ISSUE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "California National Guard Bonus Repayment Issue". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, U.S. Army, Director, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; Major General David S. Baldwin, U.S. Army, Adjutant General, California National Guard; Peter Levine, performing the duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Alissa M. Starzak, General Counsel, Department of the Army; and Teresa (Terri) A. McKay, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

WASTE AND DUPLICATION IN THE USDA CATFISH INSPECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Waste and Duplication in the USDA Catfish Inspection Program". Testimony was heard from William Jones, Deputy Director, Office of Food Safety, Food and Drug Administration; Steve Morris, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

UNCONVENTIONAL MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Unconventional Monetary Policy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORRUPTION: A DANGER TO DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "Corruption: A Danger to Democracy in Europe and Eurasia". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE COSTS OF OVERCLASSIFICATION ON TRANSPARENCY AND SECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Costs of Overclassification on Transparency and Security". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TIME AND ATTENDANCE ABUSE AT THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Time and Attendance Abuse at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office". Testimony was heard from Russell Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary of